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SUBJ: NEW ANTI-GKR, ANTI-US DECLARATION

REF: PHNOM PENH 526

1. A NEW DECLARATION ATTACKING THE GKR AND THE U.S. HAS APPEARED IN PHNOM PENH, THIS ONE PURPORTEDLY ISSUED BY A NEW ORGANIZATION BEARING THE NAME OF "VOPULAR FRONT FOR PEACE" (FRONT POPULAIRE POUR LA PAIX), WHICH FIGURES IN FORMER PRIME MINISTER SON SANN'S JAN 12 PEACE PROPOSAL (REFTEL).

THE DECLARATION, WHICH IS DATED JANUARY 31 BUT WHICH WAS ONLY RECENTLY RECEIVED THROUGH THE MAIL, REPEATS AND "TOTALLY SUPPORTS SON SANN'S PROPOSALS. IT INVEIGHS AGAINST THE FORMER SIHANOUK REGIME AND THE TWO "HIDEOUS" PRESENT DAY ALTERNATIVES TO IT, THE COMMUNIST DOMINATED KHMER AND THE "MONOPOLISTS IN REPUBLICAN GUISE". THE DOCUMENT ATTRIBUTES THE "EXCREMENT" OF CORRUPTION IN CAMBODIA TO THE "COMPLICITY OF CRIMINAL AMERICAN OFFICIALS" AND CITES IN THIS RESPECT THE CHARGE AND DCM BY NAME (WITH MISPELLINGS).

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2. THE GENESIS OF THIS ODD DOCUMENT IS NOT CLEAR BUT ITS INFLAMMATORY STYLE, DOCTRINAIRE ANALYSIS, AND ESOTERIC FRENCH VOCABULARY IS MOST REMINISCENT OF DEMOCRATEIC PARTY CHIEF CHAU SAU, WHO HAS BEEN A STRONG SUPPORTER OF THE SON SANN PRPOSALS. IN A FEBRUARY 18 CONVERSATION WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICER CHAU SAU DOWNPLAYED THE IMPORTANCE OF SON SANN'S PROPOSALS AND CLAIMED TO KNOW LITTLE ABOUT THE "FRONT" WHICH HE THOUGHT MIGHT BE LED BY A KOEUTH YONN (AS YET UNKNOWN TO US) ALTHOUGH HE ACKNOWLEDGED HAVING RECEIVED A COPY OF HIS DECLARATION. CHAU SAU DID, HOWEVER, NOTE THAT HE THOUGH THE DOCUMENT CONTAINED "GOOD IDEAS". WHEN QUERIED ABOUT THE ANTI-AMERICAN FULMINATIONS, CHAU SAU CLAIMED THAT CAMBODIANS ARE MORE AND MORE HOLDING THE AMERICANS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CORRUPTION AND VENALITY OF THE GKR.

3. WE HAVE A STRONG SUSPICION DESPITE CHAU SAU'S AVERRALS TO THE CONTRARY THAT THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADERSHIP IS BEHIND THIS NEW PLOY. WE HAVE NO RPT NO EVIDENCE SO FAR THAT THE "POPULAR FRONT" AMOUNTS TO ANYTHING. WE ARE CHECKING FURTHER.
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